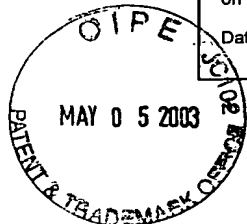


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In response to the Official Action mailed February 20, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please insert new claims 43-45, as follows:

43. (New) A method of generating a signal representative of a pressure applied to a control apparatus, comprising:

(a) generating an analog signal representative of pressure applied to the controller;

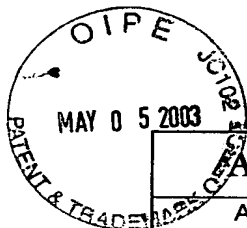
(b) segmenting the output level of the analog signal into analog output levels; and

(c) assigning preset digital signals corresponding to each of the analog output levels.

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